

# How To Use Your Compact Fluorescent Torchiera



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While compact fluorescent (CFL) torchieres have gained wide acceptance in the residential sector and have important benefits over halogen torchieres, their function is slightly different than that of the halogen torchiere. The following pointers will help you use your CFL torchiere most effectively:

1. The bulbs in your new CFL lamp look much different than those in its halogen predecessor. These are cool-burning, energy-efficient, compact fluorescent bulbs. They have four pins that snap into a socket, similar to a halogen. If your bulb breaks or burns out, you will need to buy this new type of bulb as a replacement.
2. Fluorescent light is much more diffuse than the more direct halogen light source. This is an advantage for lighting up a room. The overall ambient lighting may be brighter, but the white spot that halogens project onto the ceiling will not be nearly as prominent.
3. Your CFL torchiere will take a few minutes to reach full brightness. It also may flicker a few times right when you turn it on. This is how compact fluorescent lamps work; there is nothing wrong with your lamp if this happens. However, as a result, CFLs work best in areas that need to be lit for longer hours (i.e., livingrooms are better than bathrooms).



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